



Mondher Ben Ayed, Ph.D

CEO TMI

Dr. Mondher Ben Ayed, Ph.D, earned a PhD in Computer Engineering from the University of Rochester in 1990. Prior to that, he has received an MS in Electrical Engineering in 1986, and a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1985 from the same University.

He was assistant professor in the department of computer science at the "Faculté des Sciences de Tunis" from 1990 till 1991.

He also had many professional positions during his career. He is President and CEO of TMI, a major player in the IT industry in Tunisia since 1991. Also, he is President and CEO of Oradist, another key player in the IT industry specialized in Oracle services and technologies since 1995.

Mr Ben Ayed has been very active in the civil society and has held many key positions. He was President of the Tunisian-American Chamber of Commerce (TACC) from 2007-2009, also he was the private sector coordinator for the World Summit On Information Society Tunis 2005 (WSIS 2005) on behalf of the Tunisian Business Association (UTICA) Mar 2005-Nov 2005. He was member of the board in the Tunisian Federation of Football, and President of the disciplinary and fair play committee 2001-2006. From 1995 till today, he is member of the board of the Tunisian Association of Business Leaders (IACE), and Vice Treasurer, also he was Vice President of the Tunisian-American Chamber of Commerce from 1994-2007.

Mr Ben Ayed is currently Member of the board of the Tunisian American Friendship Association (TAFA) and since 1994.

Mr Ben Ayed was born in Sfax 08/22/1962, married and father of two daughters.

Kris M. Balderston

Special Representative for Global Partnerships

Kris M. Balderston serves as the Special Representative for Global Partnerships at the Global Partnership Initiative within the Office of the Secretary of State. Prior to his role at the U.S. Department of State, Kris was Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's first Legislative Director in January 2001 before serving as her Deputy Chief of Staff from 2002-2009. As Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr. Balderston accomplished numerous successful private-public partnerships under the direction of then Senator Clinton with multiple stakeholders in the State of New York. At the Global Partnership Initiative, Kris leads global public-private partnerships in support of the Secretary's priorities, including two flagship initiatives launched in 2010, the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and Partners for New Beginning, as well as two new endeavors in 2011 on diaspora engagement and investing with impact.

Kris began his career with the National Governors' Association and later ran the Massachusetts State Office for Governor Michael Dukakis from 1987-1991. He then became Senior Policy Advisor to Majority Leader George Mitchell at the U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee from 1991-1993. From 1993-1995, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Labor under Secretary of Labor Robert Reich.

Kris served in the White House from 1995-2001, as Special Assistant for Cabinet Affairs to President William Jefferson Clinton and then later as the Deputy Assistant to the President and the Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet. Kris holds his BA in Political Science from LeMoyne College and his MA in Government from Georgetown University.

Geoff Dyer

Financial Times

Geoff Dyer has worked for the Financial Times for over a decade in China, Brazil, the UK and now the US. He was the FT's bureau chief in Beijing from 2008 to 2011, following three years working for the paper in Shanghai. He has also been the paper's Brazil bureau chief and covered the healthcare industry, where he wrote extensively about the Aids epidemic in Africa and Asia. He recently took up a position in the Washington DC bureau, writing about American foreign policy. He studied at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University and at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna and Washington DC, where he was supported by a Fulbright award.

Jose W. Fernandez

Assistant Secretary, Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs

Mr. Fernandez serves as the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Business Affairs. He leads the Bureau that is responsible for overseeing work on international trade and investment policy; international finance, development, and debt policy; economic sanctions and combating terrorist financing; international energy security policy; international telecommunications and transportation policies; and support for U.S. businesses and the private sector overseas.

Nominated by President Obama on August 6, 2009, Mr. Fernandez was sworn in as Assistant Secretary on December 1, 2009. Mr. Fernandez came to the State Department after having served as a partner in the New York office of Latham & Watkins, and Global Chair of the firm's Latin America practice. For nearly three decades, his practice has focused on Latin America, Europe and Africa, advising clients on international mergers and acquisitions, financings, trade and other matters as the economies of these regions have evolved. Mr. Fernandez was named one of the "World's Leading Lawyers" by Chambers Global for his M&A and corporate expertise, an "Expert" in International Financial Law Review's "Guide to the World's Leading Project Finance Lawyers", and one of the "World's Leading Privatization Lawyers" by Euromoney Publications. He is recognized as a leading Corporate Finance attorney in the Latin American market in the Chambers Global 2008 legal guide and a leading Latin America attorney in the Chambers U.S. 2008 legal guide. He was featured by Hispanic Business Magazine in its "100 Influentials List" for 2006 and 2007.

A lifelong supporter of education, the arts and commercial engagement, prior to his appointment at the State Department Mr. Fernandez served on the Board of Trustees of Dartmouth College and on the Board of Directors of Accion International and the Council of the Americas. He has been chair both of the American Bar Association's Inter-American Law Committee and the Committee on Inter-American Affairs of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and co-chair of the Cross Border M&A and Joint Ventures Committee of the New York State Bar Association. He recently headed the Latin American and Caribbean division of the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative. He has also served on the boards of NPR-station WBGO-FM, Ballet Hispanico of New York and the Middle East Institute. He was a co-founder of TeatroStageFest, a 2-week Latino theater festival in New York City, and was appointed a Commissioner of New York's Latin Media and Entertainment Commission. Mr. Fernandez is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. Mr. Fernandez graduated magna cum laude with high honors from Dartmouth College earning a bachelor's degree in history, and also received an honorary degree from the college. He earned a J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law, where he received the Charles Evans Hughes Prize and a Parker School Certificate of International Law with Honors.

Amel Bouchamaoui Hammami

Chair of PNB-NAPEO Tunisia

Amel is the President of the Tunisian-American Chamber of Commerce (since April 2011) and the Chair of the MENA Amcham Council (since July 2011). She is also the Vice- President of the Middle East North Africa Business Women's Network and First-Vice President and Hub Executive of CNFCE (Chambre Nationale Femmes Chefs d'Entreprises), Tunisia.

Amel is involved in the Oil and Gas Industry from the exploration phase to production (up-stream activities) in Tunisia, Egypt, and Syria, as well as other activities such as real estate and trade.

Amel is a graduate of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. She speaks Arabic, French and English with primary notions of Italian.

She very involved with her family; she is married and has two daughters.

Michael Hammer

Acting Assistant Secretary

Mike Hammer is the Acting Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. As Acting Assistant Secretary, Mike leads the Bureau of Public Affairs and manages a staff of over 200 employees. Prior to this assignment, Mike served at the White House as Special Assistant to the President, Senior Director for Press and Communications, and National Security Council Spokesman from January 2009-January 2011. He previously served at the National Security Council as Deputy Spokesman from 1999-2000 and Director of Andean Affairs from 2000-2001.

Mike Hammer is a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service and entered the diplomatic corps in 1988. He has served abroad in Bolivia, Norway, Iceland and Denmark. In the Department, Mike has served in the Operations Center and as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs. He has received several awards in his career, including the Department's Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Public Diplomacy.

Mike earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and master's degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and from the National War College at the National Defense University. Mike grew up in Latin America, living in Honduras, El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela and Brazil. Mike is fluent in Spanish and speaks French and Icelandic.

Cameron Khosrowshahi

Advisor, Global Entrepreneurship Program (GEP)

Cameron has been a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and managed development projects in a variety of frontier and emerging markets. His focus areas include early-stage finance, enterprise development, privatization, project finance, capacity building, private sector development, and capital markets development. In Pakistan, Cameron developed multiple projects in the private power sector, working with multi-lateral aid agencies such as the Export-Import Bank of the US and the IFC. In Iraq, he ran a nationwide job creation program that reinvested in local communities across Iraq, employing 80,000 Iraqis and restoring critical infrastructure. He also managed the transition of Oil for Food capital assets from UN to local Kurdish control, advising the regional government on asset valuation and management. During 15 months in Iraq, Cameron also advised Iraqi early-stage companies on market entry and business development. Prior to working in Pakistan, Cameron was based in Morocco under a Fulbright Scholarship from the Moroccan and American governments. Through this project, he designed and implemented his own independent assessment of the Moroccan privatization effort and Capital Market development.

Cameron's expertise extends to the IT sector as well, where he has served in the senior management of two Silicon Valley start-ups, spearheading fund raising, marketing and strategic planning, among other responsibilities. He speaks Arabic, Farsi and French. Cameron received his MA in International Economics and Middle East Studies from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He has served as a term-member at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Elizabeth Littlefield

President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Elizabeth Littlefield was appointed by President Obama as OPIC's tenth President and CEO. From 2000 until 2010 Ms. Littlefield was Director of Private and Finance Sector at World Bank and Chief Executive Officer of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), a multi-donor organization housed at the World Bank and created to help build a professional, global microfinance industry providing flexible, high-quality financial services to the poor.

Prior to joining CGAP in 1999, Ms. Littlefield was JP Morgan's Managing Director in charge of capital markets and financing in emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa. Her responsibilities encompassed public and private financings for governments, corporations and banks, and related advisory work such as debt management and credit rating advisory. Prior to that she set up JP Morgan's LDC debt trading department and was JPM's Head Debt Trader in Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia. She also served as a Director in JP Morgan's Paris office, among others.

Ms. Littlefield also spent 1989-1990 providing banking consultancy to several microfinance institutions in West and Central Africa. She has taught Financing Sector Development as an Adjunct Profession in the Masters Program at S.A.I.S. She has served on the Board and Executive Committee of Women's World Banking, the Mastercard Foundation and Calvert Foundation, among others. She was the founder of the Emerging Markets Charity in the UK. Ms. Littlefield is a graduate of Brown University and also attended Ecole Nationale de Sciences Politiques in Paris.

Mohamed Malouche

President Tunisian American Young Professionals (TAYP)

Mohamed leads the Tunisian American Young Professionals, a non-profit Diaspora association aimed at increasing economic cooperation between Tunisia and the United States. He has been presenting Tunisia's economic value proposition to investors in the US, and supporting the development of an entrepreneurship culture in Tunisia through mentorship, technical and financial support.

Mohamed has provided economic counsel to important governmental actions related to innovation and entrepreneurship. He is currently working with Penn State University on a US-Tunisia partnership for the promotion of technology innovation and with the International Youth Foundation to enhance young Tunisian entrepreneurs' soft skills.

Mohamed founded PromoTunisia in 2002, a services company that offers archaeological trips to Tunisia for US travelers and promotes Tunisia as an investment destination in the ICT sector. He has been an advisor to several US companies seeking to utilize Tunisia as a platform for expansion to nearby markets. He also implemented, in collaboration with the Rotary foundation, a fund whereby travelers can contribute through donations to the development of schools in the poorest regions of Tunisia.

Additionally, Mohamed is a Senior Manager with Deloitte Consulting in the Telecom industry. His areas of expertise include operations readiness and launch of innovative services. Prior to joining Deloitte, Mohamed was a Principal with American Management Systems, with responsibilities in the delivery of customer care solutions.

Mohamed holds a Masters in Information Systems from Telecom Paris in France, and a Masters in Telecommunications from Michigan State University.

Ziad Oueslati

Founding Partner, Tuninvest

Mr. Oueslati is currently the MD and the founding Partner of TunInvest - AfricInvest the first private equity fund management company in the Maghreb and one of the leading players in Sub-Saharan Africa. Mr. Oueslati participated to the structuring and raising of several investment funds targeting the Maghreb and Sub-Saharan Africa totaling about US\$ 800 million. He is a board member of several North African and sub-Saharan companies. Mr. Oueslati has structured over 50 investments in Africa in several industrial and service sectors. He has also conducted on behalf of European financial institutions financial and strategic advisory work in the African continent. Between 1990 and 1994 he was head of the Financial Institutions and Capital Markets Department at Citibank, Tunis, in charge of a U.S. dollar 300 million portfolio.

Mr. Oueslati is a graduate of the engineering college, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris in Paris, France and holds a Master of Sciences in Technology and Policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A.

Mr. Oueslati is a member of the NAPEO Tunisian Board. He is member of the Tunisian Venture Capital Association African Venture Capital Association, the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association, The Africa Council, and the MENA Private Equity Association. He is an active member of the MIT Arab Alumni Association and an Educational Counselor for undergraduates' recruitment at MIT.

Gayle Smith

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director, National Security Council

Gayle Smith is Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the National Security Council, where she is responsible for global development, democracy, stabilization, and humanitarian assistance issues. She was previously a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Co-Chair of the ENOUGH Project, and Co-Founder of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. During the Clinton Administration, Smith previously served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the NSC, and as Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Smith was based in Africa for over 20 years as a journalist covering military, economic, and political affairs for the BBC, Associated Press, Reuters, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Toronto Globe & Mail, London Observer, and Financial Times. Smith has also consulted for a wide range of NGOs, foundations, and governmental organizations including UNICEF, the World Bank, Dutch Interchurch Aid, Norwegian

Church Relief, and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. She won the World Journalism Award from the World Affairs Council and the World Hunger Year Award in 1991 and in 1999 won the National Security Council's Samuel Nelson Drew Award for Distinguished Contribution in Pursuit of Global Peace.

Smith is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served on the boards of Oxfam America, the Africa America Institute, ASSET, USA for Africa, and the National Security Network. She also served on the policy advisory boards of DATA, the Acumen Fund, and the Global Fairness Initiative, and was the Working Group Chair on Global Poverty for the Clinton Global Initiative from 2005 to 2007.

Ambassador William B. Taylor

Vice President, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations

William B. Taylor, Jr. joined the United States Institute of Peace in October 2009 as Vice President, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations. A graduate of West Point and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, he has served in posts in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. Most recently, Bill Taylor was U.S. ambassador to Ukraine from 2006 to 2009.

Prior to that assignment, he was the U.S. government's representative to the Mideast Quartet, which facilitated the Israeli disengagement from Gaza and parts of the West Bank. He served in Baghdad as director of the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office from 2004 to 2005, and in Kabul as coordinator of international and U.S. assistance to Afghanistan from 2002 to 2003. Ambassador Taylor was also a coordinator of U.S. assistance to the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. As an infantry platoon leader and company commander in the U.S. Army, he served in Vietnam and Germany.

Mohamed Salah Tekaya

Tunisian Ambassador to the United States

Tunisia's Ambassador to the United States, Mohamed Tekaya, holds a degree in English Literature from the University of Tunisia and a degree in Political Science from the University of Reno in Nevada. He presented his credentials to President Barack Obama on December 7, 2010. Immediately prior to his current posting in Washington (his third ambassadorship), Ambassador Tekaya served as the Tunisian Ambassador to the Netherlands, with simultaneous accreditation to Denmark and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Noureddine Zekri

General Director of the Foreign Investment Promotion Agency of Tunisia (F.I.P.A.)

Mr. Zekri graduated Management in 1978 from the Tunisian University (Faculté de droit et des Sciences Economiques et politiques). He was then appointed as Manager in the Industrial Promotion Agency. His positions included Manager of the Tunisian National Board of Tourism, Head of Service, Assistance to SME's, Deputy Director in charge of fiscal incentives, and Head of Department of Promotion and Partnership.

In 1995, Mr. Zekri became the Director of Promotion in the European Countries Division in the Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). He was promoted to Division Director of Advanced Technology Sectors in charge of promoting Foreign Direct Investment to Tunisia in the following sectors: Automotive, electrical components, electronics, Mechanics, and ICT.

In 2005, he became the General Director of Foreign Investment in the Ministry of Development and International Cooperation in charge of Foreign Direct Investment strategy, promotion, and assistance to foreign investors in Tunisia.

Currently, Mr. Zekri serves as the General Manager of FIPA, a public institution within the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation in Tunisia.